under which the maximum foreign holding of the JV/strategic partner would not be allowed to exceed 40% except for in the case of NRIs/ NRI controlled OCBs. Further disinvestment will be undertaken subsequently as per the Government policy at that time.

Crash course in aviation security

463. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any crash course in aviation security has been worked out for sky marshals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the measures taken for aircraft surveillance to prevent hijacking and passenger safety?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A compact capsule training course has been arranged with the coordinated efforts of National Security Guard and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. The training programme includes response to hijack situation, conduct of operations, safety precautions in aircraft and practical hands on exposure for conducting successful operations, if the need arises.

(c) Does not arise.

Discount on fares by International carriers

464. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International carriers have to take permission from the Director General of Civil Aviation for giving any discounts to the passengers; and

(b) if so, the reasons for having such a control in a liberalized economy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) International airlines are required to file special unilateral fares with the Director General of Civil Aviation

which will be deemed to be approved if not rejected within 48 hours of filing.

Upgradation of Guwahati Airport

465. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1996 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st December, 1999 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airport building is improved at present, but many modern amenities are absent there; and

(b) if so, whether his Ministry will give due consideration for providing all the modern amenities at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The existing Terminal Building has been taken up for extensive expansion and modification at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.55 crores. The entire Terminal Complex will be fully air-conditioned and equipped with all modern passenger amenities like Conveyer Belts, Elevators, Baggage Trolleys, Flight Information System, Public Address System, X-Ray Baggage Inspection System, etc. Some design related defects noticed in domestic terminal building are also being rectified.

Environment clearance for Airport proposals

466. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of airstrips/airports which are waiting in the pipeline due to clearance of the environmentalists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Two projects—International Passenger Terminal Complex (Phase-II) at IGI Airport New Delhi and New Domestic Passenger Terminal (Phase-II) at Mumbai, are awaiting environmental clearance.